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Commissioner Jane Henney
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner Henney,

I am seriously concerned about Biogenetically engineered foods.

We need labeling on EVERY package that contains these foods, so that we can choose whether or not to buy them. I have been reading articles on this and the whole gist of all of them is that "Consumers are worrying needlessly because we can trust big business and the FDA to make good decisions regarding our health."

What fool would believe this???? Totally without any proof that such crops actually being good for us, not just that no one can prove that there is a problem, they are forcing us to ingest Biogenetically engineered crops, and refusing to tell us or let us be told. IF THERE IS NO HARM, WHY ARE WE NOT ALLOWED TO KNOW? Obviously, because we have yet to see that there is any real proof of their beneficial qualities, with proof of NO harm.

Recently genetically engineered corn proved very destructive to the Monarch Butterfly. THAT TELLS YOU WE ARE POTENTIALLY ALL AT RISK. THESE FOODS MUST BE LABELED, SO WE ARE NOT FORCED TO CONSUME POTENTIALLY HAZZARDOUS FOODS.

"Dean Denna Penna points out that "millions of tons of genetic engineered foods have been consumed and there's not one documented case of a serious health problem." How would they know if they had a case of food causing a problem???? This proves nothing. It is a reverse argument and doesn't hold true for the positive statement that such crops pose no problems for consumers. A huge difference, but typical of callous disregard for consumer health and well being.

"While Americans question what's going into their foods, Europeans are loudly fighting to block GMO products from seeping into their countries. British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a close ally of the United States who once claimed he would gladly eat bioengineered food, did an about-face the night before a meeting on GMO products in Edinburgh, Scotland in late February. Blair told the The Independent, a British newspaper, that there was "cause for legitimate public concern." He added, "There's no doubt that there is a potential for harm, both in terms of human safety and in the diversity of our environment, from GM food and crops." "

The two above statements are from an article on Bioengineered foods. Please make labeling mandatory, immdiately.

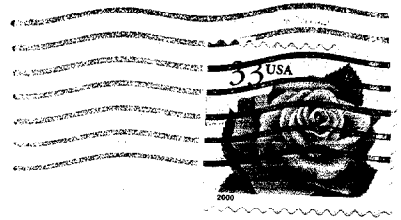
Respectfully,



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